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SYNOPSIS

LOPEZ MATEOS' SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP (cont.)(page 2): Recent South American trip of Mexican President gave emphasis to need for coordinated effort in resolving economic problems of Latin America. Talks dealt with stimulation of commerce, but for present principal importance of trip seems to have been emotional rather than materialistic. DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS (page 3): While recently in Caracas, Venezuela, SIQUEIROS made statements critical of both Mexican President and Mexican Revolution. Mexican administration and public angered by remarks. CARIBBEAN POLITICAL SITUATION (page 3): Cuba. Meeting sponsored by Society of Friends of Cuba held at Mexico City, 1/17/60, to demonstrate support for Cuban Government. Nicaragua: Report received that Cuban Government still planning to support invasion of Nicaragua with pro-Communist elements. Haiti: Political situation reported to be deteriorating. [PARTIDO COMUNISTA MEXICANO - PCM (COMMUNIST PARTY OF MEXICO)(page 6): XIII National Congress, scheduled for 2/22-26/60, again postponed to provide more time for holding of State Congresses and preparation of discussion material. POCM representatives to be invited to attend Congress. Federal District Committee to step up dues collections and general cell activity. JCM held plenum 1/11-14/60.] (U) PARTIDO POPULAR - PP (POPULAR PARTY)(page 7): PP being reorganized and members being solicited to submit background and other data. PP held annual New Year's banquet on 2/6/60. PP inaugurated Pioneers, Boy Scout type organization, on 2/5/60. VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO (page 8): LOMBARDO was principal speaker at PP New Year's banquet and generally spoke favorably of government of LOPEZ MATEOS and his trip to South America. [SOVIET INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES] (S) (page 9): [VALENTIN VASILEVICH BAKULIN] identified as [new Soviet principal of MEX-87.] (S) Latter made trip to Los Angeles in [January,] 1960, and reported [to Soviets.] (S)

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Cuban Exile Activities

On January 28, 1960, PSI MIGUEL ANDRES DE LEON ROJAS reported that responsible Cuban exile groups in Mexico City and the United States, who have supported Dr. EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO, are convinced that General JOSE ELEUTERIO PEDRAZA CABRERA, who commands a group of Cuban military exiles in the Dominican Republic, would not be a wise selection as the military leader of the attempt to overthrow the CASTRO government. The PSI further advised that these Cuban exile groups believe that PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, former Chief of the Cuban Air Force, would be a much better military leader. (S)(U)

The PSI also advised that information received from sources within Cuba reflected that FIDEL CASTRO had prepared a decree ordering the United States to vacate the Guantanamo Naval Base. According to this information, the decree was originally prepared in late November, 1959, but had not yet been signed for issuance. (C)(U)

The PSI further reported that he had heard reports in Miami, Florida, of an invasion attempt which allegedly would be made by supporters of ROLANDO MASFERRER, a Cuban exile who resides in Miami. The PSI stated that MASFERRER, ROBERTO FERNANDEZ MIRANDA, NORMAN ROTHMAN, and their associates form a group which is not regarded in a favorable light by responsible Cuban exiles or by responsible elements within Cuba. The PSI stated that from the information available to him in Miami he doubted very much that MASFERRER would be able to make an attempt at invading Cuba or, if an attempt were made, that it would be successful. (S)(U)

Nicaragua

PSI DE LEON also advised on January 28 that he had received information from within Cuba that ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA has not abandoned his project to utilize pro-Communist Nicaraguan exiles and Cuban "volunteers" in an attempt to invade Nicaragua. This source advised that approximately 400 guerrillas have been trained to make up the invasion force. The PSI stated he had received no information as to the timing of such an attempt, but expressed doubt that it would occur in the immediate future in view of the concern of the Cuban Government over a possible early invasion attempt by Cuban exiles. (S)(U)

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age and is disposed to follow an international policy that will not only benefit Mexico but its sister Latin American countries who are bound together not only by historical ties but by the same economic and social conditions and identical perspectives. In apparent reference to DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS, leading PCM figure, he stated that some people, who are unable to understand national and international politics although they expound them daily, have been critical of President LOPEZ MATEOS' trip. During the course of the President's trip SIQUEIROS made a statement to the press wherein he criticized the President for not accepting a bid to visit Cuba and stated that President LOPEZ MATEOS was merely laying the ground work for a subsequent visit by President EISENHOWER. LOMBARDO was critical of President LOPEZ MATEOS in certain respects, particularly in connection with the imprisonment of the railroad strike agitators and PCM and POCM leaders.

ACTION TAKEN: None. Will be disseminated in the next report on the PP.

[SOVIET INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES] (S)

[LAROB] (S)

Investigation conducted by this office to identify ["VALENTIN," the new Soviet principal] of MEX-[87] (S) pointed to [VALENTIN VASILEVICH BAKULIN, a Soviet Embassy] (S) employee who arrived in Mexico City with his family on [November 5] 1959 (S). As soon as a photograph of [BAKULIN] became available, it was (S) shown to MEX-[87] (S) who immediately and positively identified him as [his principal "VALENTIN."] (S)

On [January 11] 1960, MEX-[87] returned to Mexico City (S) from a trip to Los Angeles. He thereafter kept a prearranged meeting with [BAKULIN] (S) on [January 18,] 1960, and (S) turned over to (S) him a [report of his activities in Los Angeles] (S) as well as a [map] (S) and newspaper clippings gathered by [LA 4199-S.] [BAKULIN] (S) instructed MEX-[87] to pick up a [Soviet message on January 21,] (S) 1960, from [the dead drop at Pilares and Pestalozzi] (S) Streets. The [message] was to contain questions regarding MEX-[87]'s (S) [report on his] trip to Los Angeles. [BAKULIN] also set up a (S) personal meeting for [February 15,] 1960. (S)

[MEX-[87 retrieved Soviet Message No. 22] on [January 21] (S)

1960. Contrary to [the usual custom,] this [message was typed] (S) instead of being [on undeveloped 35 mm. film. The Soviets (S) inquired how and where LA 4199-S] keeps the notes of his observations and the newspaper clippings, among what type of (S) people does [the Los Angeles informant] initiate his contacts, (S) what his expenses have been, the manner in which the data on [the displacement of a ship] seen by the [informants] was obtained, (S) [the intensity of traffic] noted in the vicinity of the places (S) visited, the possibility of taking photographs, the security of the objectives, how [LA 4199-S] explains his trips to his (S) family, and the identity of the objectives on which data can be more easily secured. (S)

MEX-[87 deposited] his [Message No. 22 in the established (S) dead drop on January 25,] 1960, and generally answered the questions posed [in the prior Soviet message.] (S)

[Soviet Message No. 23] was [retrieved] by MEX-[87] on (S) [February 8,] 1960. It changed the personal meeting between (S) [BAKULIN] and MEX-[87] from the [third Monday of the month] to the (S) [last Monday of the month] at the same time and place. (S)

ACTION TAKEN: None, pursuant to specific Bureau instructions.